

**STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
UTILITIES COMMISSION
RALEIGH**

DOCKET NO. E-22, SUB 603

BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

In the Matter of)	
Application by Virginia Electric and)	
Power Company, d/b/a Dominion)	ORDER EXCUSING WITNESSES,
Energy North Carolina, for Approval)	ACCEPTING TESTIMONY,
of Renewable Energy and Energy)	CANCELING EXPERT WITNESS
Efficiency Portfolio Standard Cost)	HEARING, AND REQUIRING
Recovery Rider Pursuant to N.C. Gen.)	PROPOSED ORDERS
Stat. § 62-133.8 and Commission)	
Rule R8-67)	

BY THE COMMISSION: On August 23, 2021, the Commission issued a Scheduling Order in the above-captioned docket that, among other things, scheduled a public hearing to be held on November 16, 2021. On October 14, 2021, the Commission issued a revised Scheduling Order confirming that the public witness hearing will be held on November 16, 2021, at 10:00 a.m., and rescheduling the expert witness portion of the hearing for Monday, November 22, 2021 beginning at 1:30 p.m.

Expert witness testimony was filed in this docket by Virginia Electric and Power Company, d/b/a Dominion Energy North Carolina (DENC), and the Public Staff. The two intervenors to this docket, Carolina Industrial Group for Fair Utility Rates 1 (CIGFUR I) and Carolina Utility Customers Association, Inc. (CUCA) did not file testimony or exhibits.

On November 16, 2021, DENC and the Public Staff (Movants), filed a joint motion stating that DENC and the Public Staff are in agreement regarding DENC's REPS compliance and related costs and have reached agreement on all issues for purposes of this proceeding. Movants request that the Commission excuse all expert witnesses from testifying at the November 22, 2021, expert witness hearing and accept the expert witnesses' prefiled testimony and exhibits into the record. Movants state that they have consulted with all parties to this docket, that all parties have agreed to waive cross-examination of DENC's and the Public Staff's witnesses, and do not object to the introduction of their testimony and exhibits into the record.

Movants also state that due to the continued number of coronavirus cases, DENC and the Public Staff believe it is safer for the expert witness hearing scheduled for Monday, November 22, 2021, be conducted remotely via Webex. Counsel for CIGFUR I and CUCA also consented to the expert witness hearing being held remotely.

Accordingly, Movants request that the Commission issue an order rescheduling the expert witness hearing in this matter for the same date but to be conducted by remote means.

Based on Movants' motion and the record, the Commission finds good cause to excuse all DENC and the Public Staff witnesses from testifying at the expert witness hearing and to receive the witnesses' prefiled testimony, exhibits, and affidavits into the record. Further, the Commission finds good cause to cancel the expert witness hearing and to require that the parties file proposed orders, or a joint proposed order, on or before December 21, 2021, and briefs by the same date, if they desire to file briefs.

IT IS, THEREFORE, SO ORDERED.

ISSUED BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION.

This the 18th day of November, 2021.

NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Erica N. Green".

Erica N. Green, Deputy Clerk